

# Statement from the ODNI on Headley after Action Review

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Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper initiated an after-action review of the David Headley case to determine potential lessons learned. Reviews of this nature are not uncommon and are designed to establish whether any future improvements in information sharing processes and other intelligence procedures may be needed.

United States Intelligence Community policy and practice is to share terrorism-related information promptly with our foreign partners when we deem that information potentially credible and relevant to their national security. We do exactly that with partners around the world every day, including India, as was done in this case.

The United States takes counterterrorism and broader national security cooperation with our Indian partners very seriously; our respective intelligence and law enforcement professionals work closely together on a range of issues of mutual concern.

The review finds the United States government aggressively and promptly provided the Indian government with strategic warnings regarding Lashkar e-Tayyiba's threats to several targets in Mumbai between June and September 2008.

The review finds that while some information relating to Headley was available to United States government officials prior to the Mumbai attacks, under the policies and procedures that existed at the time, it was not sufficiently established that he was engaged in plotting a terrorist attack in India. Therefore, the United States government did not pass information on Headley to the Indian government prior to the attacks.

The review finds that the United States government did not connect Headley to terrorism until 2009, after the attacks on Mumbai. Had the United States government sufficiently established he was engaged in plotting a terrorist attack in India, the information would have most assuredly been transferred promptly to the Indian government.

Since the December 2009 attempted terrorist attacks on the United States, the Obama Administration has focused on information sharing reforms - new watchlisting policies and procedures have been enacted, as well as an increased focus on the pursuit of seemingly disparate and unrelated information regarding reports on individuals and their activities.

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